

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution: Recognizing every first Monday in March as “COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day” In Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Every first Monday of March has been recognized as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can easily transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic and having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, observance of public health orders to social distance and stay at home have created challenges for small businesses, workers, and schools that are working to comply with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, School districts, teachers, students, and parents grappled with the challenges of distance learning and worked to prevent any potential learning loss due to students not learning in person; and

WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, promote vaccinations and boosters, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders during this pandemic, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating the inequities already prevalent in our systems, and has further exposed how racism and classism are America’s most dangerous pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

WHEREAS, More than 5.91 million people worldwide and 937,000 people in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19 as of February 22, 2022, and, in California alone, more than 84,437 lives have been lost to this deadly virus, including 696 residents in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, friends and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and getting vaccinated, help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognizes every first Monday in March as “COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day” in remembrance of those marked by COVID-19 and those who have lost their lives, and in honor of those who continue to suffer from the adverse impact of this virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey orders the Monterey County flags be flown at half-mast in memoriam of all COVID-19 victims in our county, that white flags be allowed to be placed in front of the Monterey County Government Center in Salinas in memory of the 696 Monterey County victims, and urges local residents to continue taking preventative measures such as social distancing, wearing masks, and getting vaccinated to mitigate spread of this deadly virus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2022.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy